marketable value, if any, of the tree when removed should be ascertained and deducted from the fine payable. The Government of His Highness are however of opinion that the end to be kept in view is not the securing of a full revenue but the discouragement of unnecessary applications, and that this can be attained by means of a simpler rule of compensation. They are accordingly pleased to direct that when it is proved that the removal of a tree is necessary for the legitimate enjoyment of any land, it shall be competent to the District Forest Officer to permit the removal of such tree on payment by the occupant of compensation fixed according to the following scale :—

Class	Girth at 4 ft. above ground level	Amount of compensation payable to Govt. by the occupant	Class	Girth at 4 ft. above ground level	Amount of compensation payable to Govt. by the occupant
	Inches	Rs. a. p.		Inches	Rs. a. p.
I ...	Below 12	1 0 0	III ...	24 to 30	4 0 0
II ...	12 to 24	2 0 0	IV ...	Above 30	6 0 0

The claim for compensation may, however, be waived in cases of hardship at the discretion of the District Forest Officer, when the amount to be remitted is not more than Rs. 10 in regard to the same survey number. When the amount exceeds Rs. 10 but does not exceed Rs. 50, the Conservator of Forests may similarly waive the claim for compensation at his discretion. When the amount proposed to be remitted exceeds Rs. 50, the case shall be reported for the orders of the Government.

No compensation will be levied on mature trees or on trees not exceeding 4″ in girth. Bonuses will be paid on mature trees removed by desire of the occupant at the rates mentioned in paragraph 6 above.

It should be noted that the rules in this paragraph apply only to the removal, within a reasonable limit, of trees interfering with the legitimate use of any land, and not where the removal of trees on a large scale is asked for.

10. Government are aware that the measures now adopted do not cover the whole ground and that certain disabilities can only be removed if the raiyat is further relieved of the burden of proving his own innocence in the case of damage to sandal trees standing on his land. In view of the fiscal and economic importance of the tree, Government do not feel justified in taking such a step. They trust, however, that these concessions will mitigate to a substantial degree the rigour of the monopoly and encourage land-holders to co-operate with Government in the propagation and preservation of sandal trees in the State.

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NOTIFICATION.

No. 7709—Ft. 13-05-18, dated 25th March 1909.

Under Section 76 of the Mysore Forest Regulation (XI of 1900), the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to issue the following rules regarding the removal of sandal trees from occupied lands and the payment of bonuses to the occupants thereof :—

(1) No land owner shall have the right to insist that a sandal tree standing on his land be removed on the ground that it has grown to maturity or on any other ground than that of obstruction to cultivation or to object to the removal of any tree by the Forest Department in the course of its ordinary operations. The selection of the trees to be removed shall rest entirely with the officers of the Forest Department and those acting under their orders.

(2) Every mature sandal tree intended for removal in occupied lands shall be marked by the Range Officer with a hammer bearing the monogram S. F. (S standing for sandal and F for fell) just above the root stock after removing the outer bark and white wood. It will also have a serial number stamped on it corresponding with that contained in a register to be maintained by the Range Officer showing all the trees marked by him. This register will be maintained, according to Form C, appended hereto, and a monthly extract therefrom will be sent to the District Forest Officer.

(3) The Range Officer will then prepare a receipt in Form A, appended hereto, and give a credit note on the nearest Taluk Treasury showing the amount of bonus payable to the occupant. The receipt will contain the signature of the occupant both in the counterfoil and the duplicate and will be attested by the Patel and Shanbhog. The counterfoil will be sent to the Amildar simultaneously with the issue of the credit note and will be passed on by the Amildar to the District Forest Officer after the credit note is cashed with the fact of payment endorsed thereon. The District Forest Officer after the necessary check will return it to the Range Officer to be filed as a voucher.

(4) After the credit note is issued, the tree will be uprooted and roughly dressed, leaving a ring at the point where the measurement was taken and sent to the Koti intact accompanied by the usual Passport (*vide* Form No. 55 of the Forest Code). In the "Remark" column of the form, the Range Officer will note the girth measurement of the tree, the survey number of the field and the name of the owner.

(5) The Koti Ranger or Forester, on receipt of the tree, will check the measurement and submit to the District Forest Officer a list of trees received during the month, on the first of the ensuing month in Form B appended hereto.

(6) The District Forest Officer will compare and check the Koti list with the entries in the Ranger's register and vouchers. If they agree, he will file them; but if any discrepancies are noticed, he will take immediate steps to trace and reconcile the same.

(7) The District Forest Officer during the course of his tours, will check at least 15 per cent of uprooted trees by actually measuring the trees at the Koti and inspecting the localities from where they were uprooted and submit a certificate to that effect to the Conservator.

(8) In all cases where an occupant of land wishes to have any sandal tree growing on his holding removed, on the ground that it interferes with the legitimate use of his land, he shall make an application in that behalf to the Amildar. The Amildar on receipt of such application shall furnish the applicant with a written acknowledgment of the application and, after causing the necessary enquiry to be made, will forward the application with his own opinion to the District Forest Officer. The District Forest Officer after such further enquiry as he may deem necessary and on being satisfied that the ground is valid will order the removal of the tree on payment of any compensation which may be prescribed in that behalf. The District Forest Officer's opinion as to the necessity for the removal of the tree will be final.

(9) If the applicant does not receive any answer within three months from the date of the acknowledgment received by him, permission shall be deemed to have been granted to him for the removal of the tree and he shall become entitled to all the benefits which he could have claimed according to the orders of Government if the tree had been removed by the Forest Department.

FORM A.

Book No...... *Receipt No.*.....

Receipt for percentage value of sandalwood.

Name of occupant .....

Name of taluk .....

Name of village .....

Description of sandal trees .....

Survey number of field	No. of tree	Girth at 4 ft. above ground level	Rate	Amount
Total ...				

Witnesses. *Occupant.*

I hereby certify that a credit note for Rs..... has been issued by me this day.

Date. *Range Officer.*

.....*Range.*

Book No...... *Receipt No.*.....

Receipt for percentage value of sandalwood.

Name of occupant .....

Name of taluk .....

Name of village .....

Description of sandal trees .....

Survey number of field	No. of tree	Girth at 4 ft. above ground level	Rate	Amount
Total...				

Witnesses. *Occupant.*

I hereby certify that a credit note for Rs..... has been issued by me this day.

Date. *Range Officer.*

Range.

NOTE.—The Receipt forms will be in books of 50 forms in each in duplicate and shall be supplied on indent by the Conservator of Forests.

FORM B.

Book No..... No.....

List of mature sandal trees received at.....
Koti during.....from.....Range.

Name of taluk	Name of village	Name of occupant	Survey number of field	Girth at 4 feet above ground level in inches	Remarks
Total ...					

Date..... *Koti Ranger.*

Book No..... No.....

List of mature sandal trees received at.....
Koti during.....from.....Range.

Name of taluk	Name of village	Name of occupant	Survey number of field	Girth at 4 feet above ground level in inches	Remarks
Total ...					

Date..... *Koti Ranger.*

NOTE.—The form will be in books containing 50 forms in each in duplicate.

FORM C.

Register of mature sandal trees removed from occupied lands in..... ..... Range.

Name of taluk	Name of village	Name of occupant	Survey number of field	Girth at 4 feet above ground level in inches	Date of marking	Amount of bonus to be paid			Date of issue of credit note	Date of payment in treasury	Remarks
						Rs:	A.	P.			